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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: U.S. COMPUTER EMBARGO AGAINST THE
SOVIET UNION

1. KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA JULY 25 CARRIES A FRONT PAGE
EDITORIAL ANALYZING THE IMPACT OF U.S. COMPUTER EMBARGO
THREAT AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN RETALIATION FOR THE
RECENT TRAILS OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS
ADVOCATES. JOURNALIST KOSO-LETELA SAYS PRESIDENT CARTER'S
ATTITUDE IS RIGHT "BECAUSE THE SOVIETS ONLY UNDERSTAND
HARSH LANGUAGE". "BUT, CONTINUES MR. KOSO, "WE FIND
WASHINGTON'S REPRISALS RATHER TIMID AND BENIGN".
JOURNALIST INDICATES THAT OBSERVERS HAVE ALSO NOTED THE
SILENCE OF AMERICAN RADIO AND TELEVISION ON THE POLITI-
CAL TRIALS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES, IN CONTRAST WITH THE
STRIDENT CRIES AROUSED BY THE MOSCOW TRIALS.

2. MR. KOSO POINTS OUT THAT IF THE U.S. EVER IMPOSED
SUCH AN EMBARGO, "IT WOULD HIT ONE OF THE KREMLIN'S
NERVE CENTERS, FOR THE SOVIETS DO NOT PRODUCE SUCH
SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, THEY ARE
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CONSEQUENTLY DEPENDENT ON AMERICAN-MADE COMPUTERS".
COMMENTARY INDICATES MOSCOW DOES NOT BELIEVE DEMOCRACY
IS NECESSARY FOR EAST-WEST DETENTE, WHILE ADDING THAT
THE OUTLOOK FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION IS
GLOOMY.

3. JOURNALIST KOSO ENDS EDITORIAL BY WARNING THAT

BECAUSE OF THIS LACK OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THE
OLYMPIC GAMES THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW
IN TWO YEARS ARE LIKELY TO BE DOMINATED BY "THE SPIRIT
OF A TOTALITARIAN REGIME AND ANTI-SEMITISM WHICH
CHARACTERIZED BERLIN OLYMPIC GAMES". ITEM.
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